



**Animal Care & Control
Advisory Board
September 8, 2014**

Minutes

Attendees: Sandra McNeal, Tracy Schubert, Deb Morgan, Robin Nielson, Nancy Driver, Anne Hendrickson, and Jeanette Wiedemeier Bower

Absent: Mike O'Dell, Patti Anderson, Maureen Haggerty, Cindy Johnson Shannon McKenzie, and Caroline Hairfield

Jeanette called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. **Reports from Committees**

a. **Community Building & Revenue Enhancement Committee –**
Sandra, Tracy, Deb and Robin

In mid-July 2014, four MACC volunteers met privately with the new Deputy Director Caroline Hairfield and pitched a five-page proposal related to a wide range of topics – training for volunteers, rescue groups, community engagement. As a result of this meeting, Jeanette scheduled a larger meeting with representatives of two MACC board committees - Community Building & Revenue Enhancement Committee (Sandra and Deb) and Animal Care & Socialization (Nancy) – in August 2014 to talk through the proposal in general terms.

Sandra and Deb discussed the meeting they had with a group of four volunteers the previous month. The group talked about how best to get started on the proposal and will schedule a committee meeting at the end of October with two of the volunteers.

b. **Responsible Pet Ownership – Maureen, Mike, Cindy and Phil**

Phil reported that the committee developed a three-page handout related to the “responsible pet ownership” tab on the website. See Handout A. The goal is to get this information on the website by

the next board meeting. Jeanette will take on this project in October or November.

c. **Animal Care & Socialization** – Shannon, Nancy, Anne H and Patti

Similar to the work being done with volunteers (mentioned above with the Community Building & Revenue Enhancement Committee), Nancy scheduled a meeting with volunteers for September 23.

In addition, Nancy provided three sessions on Gentle Leader Training for the MACC Dog Walkers in the last few weeks. MACC asked Nancy and Dr. Derr to work with volunteers as a result of more volunteers working with larger breed dogs in KH after the launch of the new Adoption Initiative in June 2014. In order to keep volunteers safe and keep greater control over the dogs, the Gentle Leader training was required.

MACC is working on a new policy that dogs at the shelter will be required to wear the GLs when they on leash with volunteers. Jeanette is working on the policies related to the GL training / usage for volunteers. The official program will not roll-out until we have staff trained and the policies written.

Robin talked about adding a flyer on Gentle Leaders to the MACC adoption packet or brochures from the company to send home with adopters. Staff will look into that idea.

New Business

2. MACC Updates

a. **MACC's I'm in the Dog House Event – Sat Sept 27**

Jeanette gave a brief overview of the sponsors for the event and passed out the new flyers. She asked board members to take a stack and distribute to friends, family and colleagues. **IF EACH BOARD MEMBER INVITED 5 FRIENDS, WE WOULD HAVE 120 ADDITIONAL GUESTS AT THE EVENT.**

Jeanette also reported that the poster should come back from the printer very soon and she will let board members know; we have N=200 to distribute in the community. We would like to target the North Loop area, just south of the animal shelter, as well as the normal pet-related stores. Tracy used to live the North Loop neighborhood, so she is going to give us some direction on where to distribute (coffee shops, grocery stores, etc.).

- b. Adoption Initiative – 3 month analysis of outcomes – Jeanette reported that between June 1 and August 31, 2014 MACC completed 117 total adoptions (47 cats, 69 dogs and 1 bird). By comparison, we adopted 78 for the same time frame last year, an increase of 39 adoptions).

A handful of the Adoption Counselors are making call-backs to adopters a week following the placement of the animal. Overall, the response is quite positive. Staff will continue to monitor the program carefully.

- c. Dog Run Update – Jeanette reported that the construction of the new Dog Run will go out for public bid by the end of the year, and we expect to open the new area spring/summer 2015. Originally, we expected to have this built by fall 2014, but the project grew over \$50,000 and therefore we had to go out for a public bid.

MACC's I'm in the Dog House donations, as well as the November Donor Appeal, will be used to fund this project. To date, we have raised \$30,000 (ear-marked dollars) for the project, so we have a ways to go, but Jeanette was confident we would reach our goal with time to spare.

- d. North Minneapolis Parvo Outbreak – In August 2014, an area of the community from Lyndale Ave N to Russell Avenue North (east-west) and Folwell Park to Lowry Ave North (north-south) experienced a significant increase in the number of reported Parvo cases. While Parvo is common throughout the summer, our partner organizations reported a far higher number than in past years. For instance, Camden Pet Hospital, Pet Central, AEVS and the UMN's Vet Clinic reported 2-4 cases/week over the month of August. MACC cases hit 20+ during this month period. Our partners at vet clinics in downtown Minneapolis and South Minneapolis did not report any cases to us, which means we have more isolated incidences in this pocket of North Minneapolis.

As a result of the data, MACC reached out to a small group of partner organizations – ARLP, PPR, TCPR, The Pet Project and VeTouch (UMN Student Organization) – to develop a plan to address the problem. The consortium determined that we will host a **FREE Community Shot Clinic on Sunday, September 14 in Folwell Park from 2-4pm**. MACC will financially back the event, and ARLP is going to provide the leadership at the clinic. Partner organizations will rally their volunteers to walk neighborhoods to distribute flyers to publicize the event, as well as volunteer at the clinic. Several organizations have also already agreed to provide partial funding to assist with the event.

We are hopeful that we will have a great response in North Minneapolis. Jeanette has been reaching out to our north side neighborhoods through two North Minneapolis organizations. Board members asked for an electronic copy of the flyer.

- e. Doggie Witness Protection Case – While we cannot publicize this widely, Jeanette reported that a dog was seized from a convicted violent felon in August and we chose to transfer the dog (a complete sweetie pie) with another shelter in greater Minnesota. The dog has adopted within four days and is now living the high life!! Woof Woof
- f. TV in the front lobby – To end the meeting, Jeanette gave the board a tour of the lobby and MACC's new TV and slide show. We can easily update the content, so if board members had input on improvements, please let Jeanette know.

Upcoming Meeting:

December 1, 2014 (2-4pm)
March 2, 2015 (2-4pm)
June 1, 2015 (2-4pm)

Handout A - Responsible Pet Ownership Committee

Living with Your Pet in Minneapolis

The information and links below provide an overview of the most common city ordinances related to the care and keeping of pets in Minneapolis. Please note, this information is not intended to be all-inclusive. Pet owners are responsible for a comprehensive understanding of any ordinances impacting their pets and for compliance of such ordinances. Please contact Minneapolis Animal Care & Control for any questions or for additional information. Your cooperation and compliance means a safe, happy pet-owning experience for you, your pet and the community.

Minneapolis Pet Licensing Requirements

If you own a dog or cat that is more than four months old, *the law states that you must have your pet licensed*. You can read more about Minneapolis pet license requirements in [Minneapolis Ordinance 64.10](#). Licensees are available through Minneapolis Animal Care and Control.

Why license your pet? Pets with licenses are more likely to get home to you when they are found. If your pet is injured, licensure makes it more likely that your pet's medical history can be found. When a pet is licensed, everyone knows that it has received its rabies vaccinations. Plus, if your pet runs away or is lost and Minneapolis Animal Care and Control find it, it gets a free ride home!

License your pet now [online, through the US mail, or in person!](#)

Rabies Vaccination Requirements

By law, all cats and dogs owned in Minneapolis must have a pet license. One requirement of pet licensure is a certification by the owner that the pet has been vaccinated against rabies. Because of this requirement, *it's the law that all cats and dogs in Minneapolis have their rabies vaccinations up to date*. You can read more about pet licensure requirements in [Minneapolis Ordinance 64.30](#).

Collar & tags – don't leave home without 'em!

Dogs and cats must wear a collar or harness when the animal is in the public. License tags, rabies tags and a personal ID tag should be affixed to the collar to help expedite recovery should your pet go missing. For additional information see [Minneapolis Ordinance 64.20](#).

Three pet limit

A residence may keep no more than 3 pets which includes any single or combination of dogs, cat, ferrets or rabbits over the age of 4 months. To increase this amount requires written consent of neighbors within 100 feet of the property and a multipet permit from Minneapolis Animal Control. See [Minneapolis Ordinance 64.100](#) for details on limits and permits.

Take me out to the Dog Park...but don't forget your permit!

Minneapolis has seven dog parks where your canine companion can run and play without having to be tethered by a leash. These off-leash areas have permitting requirements to ensure the safety of your pet. Your pet must be licensed with the city of Minneapolis, which requires a certification by the owner that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. You can read more about pet licensure in [Minneapolis Ordinance 64.55](#).

Visit the [Minneapolis Parks & Recreation](#) website for more information on Minneapolis Dog parks.

You can apply for your off-leash dog park permit [online, through the US Mail, or in person!](#)

Leash Your Dog (Leash Laws)

Keep pets from running at large

Pets running at large can face many dangers and become a nuisance to others. Secure and supervise your pet is the best prevention.

- Dogs may be restrained to private property by leash, fence or tether. A dog may only be loose in fenced, private property authorized by the property owner. Be sure the fence height is of adequate height, construction and condition to prevent escape.
- Dogs must be on leash or restrained on any city owner property including streets, alley, public parks, school grounds, or other public place except areas officially designated for off-leash activities by the City of Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.
- No animal may be tied to any tree, shrub, post or pole in any public place within the city.
- Female dogs and cats in heat must be confined so that it cannot come in contact with another dog or cat.
- Tethers at least 3 times the length of the animal can be used to secure dogs to the owner or custodian's property but must not allow the animal to become tangled, prevent access to shelter and water or access to any area other than owner/custodian's property.

For more details on leashing, fencing and tethers, see [Minneapolis Ordinance 64.50](#)

Pick up after you pet

Per [Minneapolis Ordinance 64.50](#), owners or custodians of animals are responsible for removal and sanitary disposal of feces both on their personal property and public space. In any public spaces, owner or custodians are required to be in possession of suitable equipment for pick up, removal and disposal of feces. Keeping yards and publicly shared spaces free of feces reduces the chances of disease transmission and makes use more enjoyable and safe for everyone.

Barking - Maureen

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/animals/report/barking-dogs>

Outdoor cats

[Minneapolis ordinance 74.10](#) states that pets may not be left unattended in any public space. While some cat owners allow their domesticated cats outdoors, measures must be taken to ensure the cat does not create a nuisance and that the cat has adequate care and shelter. Cats allowed outdoors are susceptible to many dangers – fast moving cars, predatory wildlife, parasites, acts of cruelty and more. Keeping your cat indoors helps them stay safe and healthy.

Feral cat colonies are permitted in the city as long as there is a registered caretaker and with approval by Minneapolis Care & Control and sponsored by a state registered non-profit animal welfare organization. Detailed care requirements and recordkeeping are required to ensure appropriate care is provided the cats and the colony does not present a nuisance to residents or businesses, a public health risk or compromise natural wildlife habitats.

Please review [Chapter 67 Managed Care of Feral Cats](#) for more information.

Dog Houses

State statutes require that any dog kept outdoors must be provided a durable enclosure to sufficiently protect them from moisture, heat, wind, sun, wind and cold. For detailed specifications, go to <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=343.40>

Bites & Dangerous dog proclamations

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/animals/dangerous/index.htm>

Permits needed for fowl

Keeping of chickens, ducks, turkeys, pigeons or other fowl or small animals on residential property require a permit. Written consent of neighbors within 100 feet of the property is needed to apply. For details on obtaining a permit, see Minneapolis ordinance 70.10.